

SIDS Autopsy Protocols

External Examination

Weights and measurements:

- Body weight (gms)
- Crown heel length (cm)
- Crown rump length (cm)
- Occipitofrontal circumference (cm)
- Chest circumference at nipples (cm)
- Abdominal circumference at umbilicus (cm)

General appearance/Development:

- Development abnormal
- Nutritional status: abnormal, poor, obese
- Hydration: abnormal, dehydrated, edematous

Head:

- Configuration abnormal
- Scalp and hair abnormal
- Hair color

Evidence of external injury: (Such as)

- Bruises
- Lacerations
- Abrasions

Evidence of recent and remote therapeutic intervention: (Such as)

- Scars
- Tracheostomy
- Gastrostomy
- Endotracheal tube
- Nasogastric tube
- Chest ecchymoses
- EKG monitor pads
- Defibrillator marks
- Venipunctures
- Intracardiac injections
- Intraosseous lines
- Long lines (deep, central, etc.)

Congenital anomalies, external:

Integument:

- Jaundice

- Petechiae
- Rashes
- Birthmarks

Eyes:

- Color
- Cataracts
- Position abnormal
- Jaundice
- Congestion
- Conjunctivitis
- Petechiae: conjunctiva, sclera
- Hemorrhage: conjunctiva, sclera

Ears:

- Trauma
- Congenital anomalies

Nose:

- Trauma
- Congenital anomalies

Mouth:

- Teeth present
- Trauma

Palate:

- Cleft

Neck:

- Configuration abnormal

Chest:

- Configuration abnormal
- Breast abnormalities

Abdomen:

- Configuration abnormal
- Distended
- Umbilicus Abnormal

External genitalia, urethra, introitus and anus:

- Trauma
- Congital anomalies